Fresh cases registered with BIFR

7313. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the exact number of fresh cases that have been referred to BIFR in the year'1994; and

(b) the progress made by BIFR in respect of the cases referred to them during the last three years which have been considered as industrially sick?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Automatic approve! of EOUs and EPZs

7314. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided that proposals to set up units in the category of Export Oriented Units (E.O.Us) and Export Processing Zones (E.P.Zs) will be given automatic approvals within two weeks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) A scheme to grant automatic approval within 15 days to set up 100% Export Oriented Units and Export Processing Zone Units has been in existence since Sept., 1991. However, w.e.f. 19.4.1995, the said scheme has been liberalised broadly by enhancing the limit for capital goods import from Rs.3 crores to Rs. 10 crores, allowing import of second-hand capital goods; and reducing minimum value addition for unspecified industries from 35% to 20% except for electronics hardware for which 15% minimum value addition has been prescribed.

Request by Karnataka for setting up Industrial Model Township

7315. SHRI K.R. JAYADEVAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had requested the Union Govenrment for setting up of an Industrial Model Township to attract Foreign investment in Karnataka from Non-Resident Indians as well as from other foreign investors;

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by the Central Government in this regard;

(c) whether Karnataka has been selected for this purpose; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) With a view to increasing the inflow of foreign investment and technology, particularly from Japan and other countries, a Master Plan Study to set up industrial Model Town in India was conducted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Probable sites for study were NOIDA (UP, Gurgaon (Haryana), Biddadi and Sathnur (Karnataka). On the basis of Study, JICA Team prioritised Gurgaon as the first priority site for conducting the detailed feasibility study for setting up Industrial Model town in India. The final Report of this feasibility study is yet to be received by Government of India.

उद्योगों को पेश आ रही कोयले की कमी

7316. श्री राम जेठमलानी:
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 15 अप्रैल, 1995 के "फाइनेंशियल एक्सप्रेस" में "इंडस्ट्रीज फेस